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| Gilles Pain et al. |) | Group Art No. 1624 |
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For: *Derivatives Of Hydroxamic Acid As Metalloproteinase Inhibitors*

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group III, claims 1-11, 13-24, 26-30 drawn to compounds and compositions of formula 1 where variable Ar is phenyl and NR₁R₂ forms a piperazine ring, and a method of using the same.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the species of Example 20. Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13, 18, 20-24, and 26-30 read on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected inventions prior to the termination of proceedings in this application.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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